दिल्ली की ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसी का बन्द किया जाना

*238. श्री शांति त्यागी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने दिल्ली की ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसी को बन्द करने का फैसला कर लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण है ; और

(ग) उन सभी कार्यक्रमों के निष्पादन के लिए क्या प्रबन्ध किए गए हैं जिन्हें यह एजेंसी सम्भालती थी ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उतमभाई एच० पटेल) : (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार ने जिला ग्रामीण विकास एजेंन्सी दिल्ली को बन्द किए जाने के बारे में दिल्ली प्रशासन के सुझाव को मान लिया है । दिल्ली प्रशासन ने सूचित किया है कि विद्यमान कार्य की मात्रा को देखते हुए ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन हेतु एक एजेन्सी को बनाए रखना औचित्यपूर्ण नहीं है ।

(ग) एजेन्सी के न रहने पर दिल्ली प्रशासन का विकास विभाग संघ शासित क्षेत्र दिल्ली में किए जाने वाले ग्रामीण विकास के सभी कार्यों को करेगा ।

Pension scheme for retired workers

*239. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a Pension Scheme for retired workers; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether trade unions have agreed with this scheme; if not, the points of disagreement; and

(c) how is the proposed scheme comparable with such schemes operating in some other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Elevation of families above the poverty line under NREP

*240. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Projects under the N.R.E.P. (1984-89) were aimed at elevating about 10,000 families above the poverty line in Basti district of U.P.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those projects involving crores of rupees in Basti District have brought more misery to the inhabitants of the area as per the news item captioned "U.P. doles out fake figures on poverty" which appeared in the *Times of India*, dated the 20th January, 1992;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) was a wage employment programme being implemented upto 1988-89 with basic objective of generation of additonal gainful employment for the unemployed and under-employed persons in the rural areas. The performance under NREP was monitored in terms of employment generated in persons days and not in terms of number of families to be brought above the poverty line.

This is not correct to say that the schemes have brought more misery